

# Oregon Treasure Trail Society Newsletter



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2020**

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## O.T.T.S. President's Message

As most are aware the OTTS is becoming active once again. After the long Covid inspired drought we are once again able to meet and are able to have the club Christmas party This is made possible by the GNPE being able to operate within state and county guidelines.

The Christmas party will be held on Dec 12<sup>th</sup>, a Saturday. Set up at 12 PM, doors open at 2 PM and we will be served at 3 PM. It will be catered entirely by the GNPE and most of the details will be discussed at a board meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November. What I can say is that there will be no outside food or drinks and no gift exchange this year. Expect a group email concerning the menu. If you have special dietary needs please advise and we will try to accommodate you. It is important that members inform us if you plan on attending. The cost to the club is directly related to the number of members in attendance. Please email me at [anotheroftheherd@yahoo.com](mailto:anotheroftheherd@yahoo.com) or text me at 360-624-6949, if you plan on attending. Please RSVP prior to the board meeting on Nov. 13th. More details will be a discussed at the Nov. 24th club meeting. A reminder, that if you plan on attending any club event you need to assess your own and your family's risk, your health is most important.

It is once again time to renew your OTTS annual membership. Membership application forms may be found and downloaded from the OTTS website. Please fill out your application, provide a check or correct amount of cash and enclose in an envelope for processing. If you mail in your application do not send cash.

We will elect the 2021 club officers at the meeting prior to the Christmas party on Dec 12th. If you are interested or have any ideas please speak up at the Nov. meeting. Mike M will not be the club treasurer next year. This position needs to be filled. Anyone qualified and interested please speak up. We also need a volunteer for a new hunt master next year. This is a club position that could be filled by more than 1 person. You could alternate months or work together. This position has a lot of latitude. You can even create your own count out sheet.

There is a new club raffle in town. OTTS is selling raffle tickets for 12 OTTS 1oz silver tokens. These tokens were made from 1993 to 1995 and the die has been lost. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. There will be 12 individual drawings at the June meeting. Good Luck.

Don't forget to join the new Facebook page.

Happy Hunting,

Ron B

## Announcements

### Next Meeting:

Tuesday, November, 24, 2020

Setup starts at 5:30 p.m. Socializing starts at: 6:00 p.m. Meeting starts at: 7:00 p.m.

Meeting location:

Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge, 7611 N. Exeter Avenue, Portland, OR 97203

### Guest Speaker:

No Guest Speaker has been scheduled for the upcoming meeting.

### Birthdays for the Month:

None have been announced.



(Picture submitted by Bill B. Bill found his favorite find of the year (so far) a week before the October meeting in a Portland park. It's marked sterling on the edge. St. Anthony is the patron saint of lost items. How fitting!)

## Meeting Minutes

### Minutes from the Oct 27, 2020 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Ron B. The pledge of Allegiance was recited and the officers and at large board members were introduced. The meeting was attended by 27 members and no guests. The minutes of the last meeting, as published on the website, were noted and accepted. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Terry B reported on the September club hunt. Birthdays were announced and birthday coins were given. The birthday draws were won by, March- Willy A, April- Ashley W, May- Jerry H, June- Colleen V, July- Mathew N, August-Steve E, Sept- Haley W and Oct- Bill B. All winners were awarded silver dollar coins. Collene V. won the member draw. She was awarded a 1945 Half Dollar. The progressive draw was awarded to Laura A. New silver was added to the pot.

Old business was discussed. Club tokens were turned in. 2021 dues can be paid at any time. In order for members to receive club benefits dues must be paid by the January meeting. The 2020 picnic was canceled. We are hoping to have a picnic in 2021. Anyone who already paid for this year can get a refund of use their payment for next year's hunt.

New business- The holiday party is on for Dec 12th at 2:00. The board is working with the venue management to come up with a menu. There will be a lot more information at the November meeting. This year's party will be catered by the Eagle's Lodge and there will not be a gift exchange. Eagle's Lodge management encourages anyone who wants to join the Eagles to fill out an application. The club is looking for a new hunt master.

At this point the club was adjourned for a break and finds observation.

Several members brought in finds from the past 8 months. The finds we presented and discussed. A raffle was held for the White's detector. It was won by Scott J. Harold asked members to send him stories about finds and other metal detecting related topics. He would like them for the newsletter. Harold also proposed the club do a scavenger hunt style hunt to replace finds of the month while we are under COVID-19 restrictions.

The winner of the gold coin was announced.

Please remember no outside food is allowed in the Eagles building.

### Other Information:

Ongoing club fundraisers and charitable contributions include a monthly can food/money drive for the needy. Cans with deposits and washed pennies are collected each month. The money is used for club activities. Clean pull tabs are collected and donated for scrap metal.

## Meeting Raffle Results

Tickets are one for \$1.00, or six for \$5.00. And 25% of the ticket sales goes back to your club the remaining 75% is used to purchase the next month's prizes.

Gold Coin:

1996 Gold Coin American Eagle 1/10 oz- Maggie F

Silver Coins:

1879 S O Morgan dollar – Ashley W

1884 Morgan dollar – Steve E

1887O S Morgan dollar – Kellie N

1890 Morgan dollar – Allisyn W

1900 Morgan dollar – Byron D

1921 Morgan dollar – Colleen V

1921 Morgan dollar – Mathew N

1921 Morgan dollar – Maggie F

1921 D Morgan dollar – Willy A

1952 Franklin Half - Allisyn W

1954 D Franklin Half - Maggie F

1961 D Franklin Half - Steve E

1852 Large Cent- Ron B

Mystery Envelope (1) Mexico 5 peso -Steve E

Mystery Envelope (2) –1849 one cent-Steve E



### Coins for Next Meeting Raffle:

Here is the selection of coins for the November raffle. Remember tickets are one for \$1.00, or six for \$5.00. 25% of the ticket sales goes back to your club the remaining 75% is used to purchase the next month's prizes.

Gold Coin:

2017 1/10 oz American Eagle

Silver Coins:

1879 Morgan dollar

1921 Morgan dollar

1921 Morgan dollar

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1923 Peace dollar

1923 Peace dollar

1925 Peace dollar

1926 S Peace dollar

1964 D Kennedy half dollar

Mystery Envelope ???

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# Find of the Month Results

## FIND OF THE MONTH - COVID ERA

by Bill Bogynska

Because of the coronavirus, the procedures for the Find of the Month (FOTM) have been revised until further notice as follows:

- 1) Because of State of Oregon regulations and the operating license agreement under which the Eagles Lodge is allowed to open as a restaurant/bar, we must strictly comply with social distancing and contact rules, which are quite specific.
- 2) Members will be allowed to enter a display consisting of all their finds since the last meeting. The individual categories have been eliminated. This is because the above state regulations prevent the Find of the Month committee from touching members' individual items to log them in and place them out for viewing.
- 3) The voting for best monthly finds has been eliminated. This is because the above state regulations prevent the touching of pens/pencils and ballots by multiple people.
- 4) Members will be allowed to view the displays, while being careful to practice social distancing.
- 5) Members are not allowed to pick up or touch items in displays.
- 6) A portion of each meeting will be devoted to "show and tell" regarding the displays. Each person is encouraged to talk about their display, discussing notable finds, where found and other detecting experiences.
- 7) The Detectorist of the Year competition is suspended until categories and voting can be restored.

### October 2020 Meeting Displays

<b>Display</b>	<b>Favorite Find</b>
Linda C.	14K Gold necklace
Bill B.	Vintage sterling St. Anthony pendant
Harold V	OTTS Club Challenge Token
Willy A.	25¢ Anson & Odney Willamette, Ore. Token
Ron B.	Silver Russian cross pendant
Colleen V.	10K Gold Pennsylvania high school class ring
Tim S.	14K Gold ring found in Hawaii
Jerry H.	14K Gold ring
Laura A.	First Buffalo nickel ever found
Matt N.	Silver & gold necklace
Scott J.	10K Gold CZ ring

Because of the virus, we cannot vote for finds of the month. Members were allowed to show displays of their finds since the last meeting, which was in February. Each person entering was given time to talk about his or her display, detecting experiences and favorite find.

## Find of the Month Entry Form:

Located on the O.T.T.S. website: <https://ottsclub.org/files>

The form contains category classification information, rules, and an entry form to compete in the Find of the Month competition, held during most monthly meetings.

## 2020 Detectorist of the Year Standings

Suspended



(Picture submitted by Bill B. Found this nice sterling Guardian Angel pendant in March next to a sidewalk.)



(Picture submitted by Scott J. Found full pack of bullets in the mud, at a park on the Columbia River.)



# O.T.T.S. Monthly Club Hunt

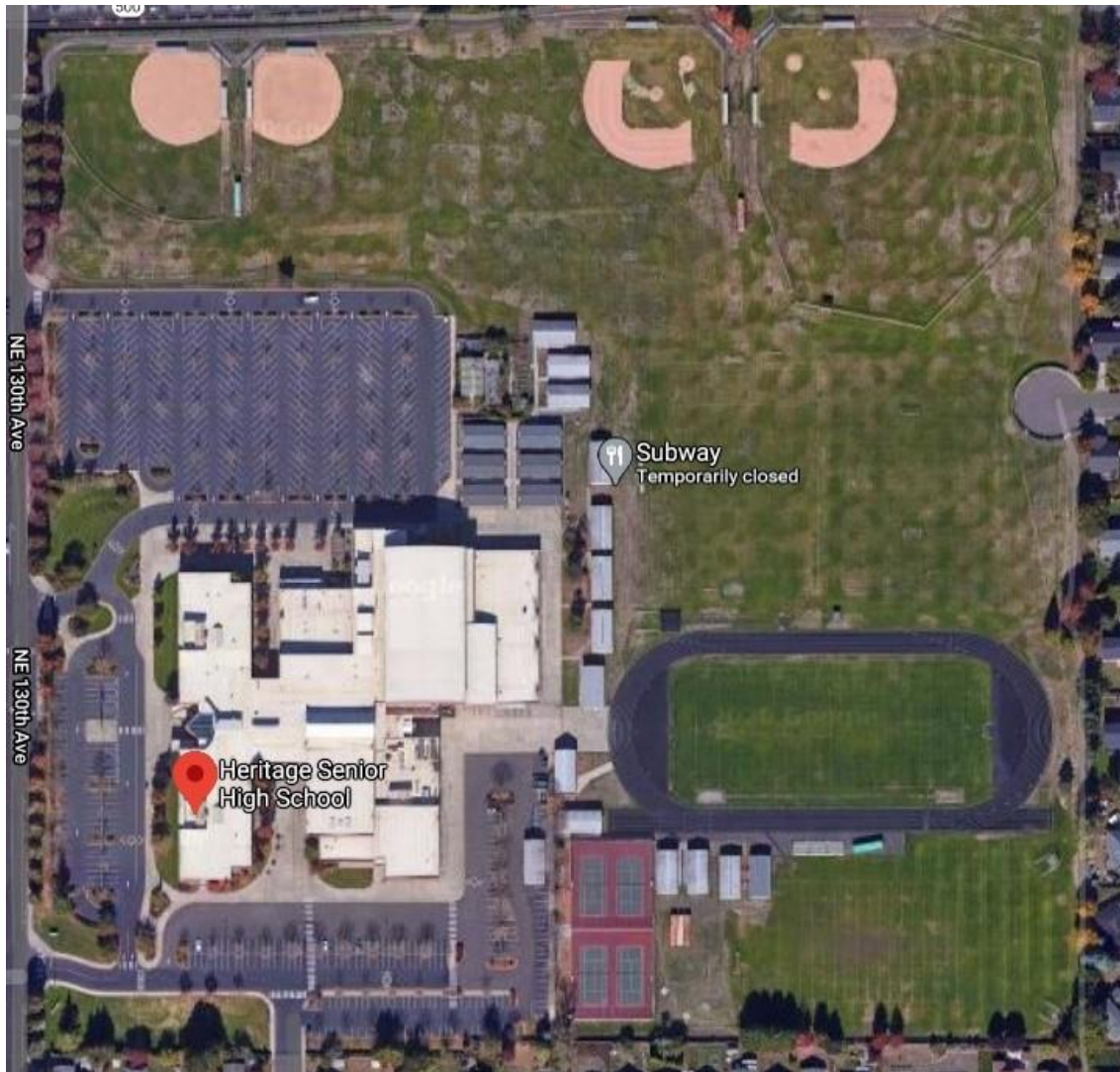
Hunt Date: November 1, 2020

Location: **Heritage High School**

7825 NE 130th Ave, Vancouver, WA 98682

General Location Information: None

Historical Information: School was built in the mid-1990s.



## Club Hunt Details

The OTTS Club Hunt was held on a Sunday. We met between 8 & 9 am at the parking lot of Bi-Mart located at 11917 NE 4th Plain Blvd Vancouver, WA 98682. Members left for Heritage High School at 9 am. 15 members and 1 guest attended. 13 members stayed for the count out at 1 pm.

The Hunt Master hid 15 regular tokens, 2 special tokens, and 1 very special token. Of the 15 hidden token 4 tokens were recovered. Both special tokens were found. One by Laura A and the other by Matt N. Terry B donated a 1944 Walking Liberty Half Dollar as the prize for the very special token. In his words, "I tried to hide it good. I hid it under a can. Willy A. picked up the can for the 10 cent recycle refund. Which gave Jerry H. a better chance to find it, which he did. Congrats.

The membership drawing was won by Lee H. He received a 1944 Walking Liberty Half Dollar.

### Top 6 Club Hunt Winners:

Harold V	91 Points
Rick G	83 Points
Scott H	82 Points
Jerry H	81 Points
Willy A	68 Points
Byron D	68 Points

### Notable Club Hunt Finds:

Oldest coin: 1944 Wheat Penny found by Byron D

Gold Items: None

Silver Items: 1 silver ring

Notable US Coins: 1964 Silver Quarter and 2 Wheat Pennies

Foreign Coins: 1

Costume Jewelry: 24

Tokens: 3

Metal Toys: 6

Other Items: 2 dog tags, 6 bullet casings

Total Clad: \$44.33

Total Trash collected during the hunt: 12 lbs.

### Hunt Master Notes:

Are you a member of OTTS?

Who likes to attend the club hunts?

Who would like to see them continue to be held next year?

Who is going to step up and want to run them in 2021?

### Next Club Hunt Details:

The next club hunt will be on Nov 28th, a Saturday. The location is still to be determined. We will meet between 8 & 9 am. We will leave for the hunt at 9 am and the count out will be at 1 pm.

# Club Member's Experiences

Submitted by Terry B

OTTS Club hunt tokens. This is a list of locations and tokens not found since March of 2019. They may still be out there for you to find. Good Luck and get out and find the tokens that were not found. I never did go back and recover them.

## 2020

<u>Month</u>	<u># of tokens</u>	<u>Location</u>
Jan	1	Scott Elem & Wellington park, Portland
Feb	6	Wheatly School and Hamilton City Park, Portland
March	5	Frontier Middle School, Vancouver
June	4	Covington Middle School, Vancouver
July	7	Fisher Basin Park, Camas
Aug	4	Harmony Elem. School, Camas
Sept	8	WyEast Middle School, Vancouver
Oct	11	Heritage H.S., Vancouver

## 2019

<u>Month</u>	<u># of tokens</u>	<u>Location</u>
Dec	None	
Nov	7	Orchards Comm. Park, Vancouver
Oct	10	Clinton City Park, Portland
Sept	5	Hamilton City Park, Portland
Aug	2	Colonel Summers Park, Portland
July	8	Brentwood City Park, Portland
June	10	Lincoln Park, Lincoln Elem., David Douglas H.S., Portland
May	9	Skyview H.S, Chinook Elem., & Akai Middle Schools, Vancouver
April	4	Fernhill Park, Portland
March	7	Jackson Middle School, Portland

Submitted by Colleen V

Hello friends! It was nice to see y'all at the meeting! Hard to believe 8 months have gone by without us gathering. I look forward to this COVID-19 nightmare to be done and I can see the rest of you.

Part of the fun in metal detecting for me is to do research on the things I find. The internet is a very helpful tool. How did we get by in the old days? An example would be this token I found recently (see pictures below). I had not seen one like it before. There it was on the internet! An "Aladdin's Castle Arcade Token". The only one remaining is in Quincy Illinois. I often find myself thinking, how the heck did this little treasure find its way to Oregon!? Probably won't be able to figure that one out.

Take care all, and happy hunting! Colleen



Aladdin's Castle -  
8 Side Arcade...

\$3.95

eBay



codewriteplay.com

## Our Trip to the Last Aladdin's Castle Arcade

By Todd Mitchell July 26, 2020

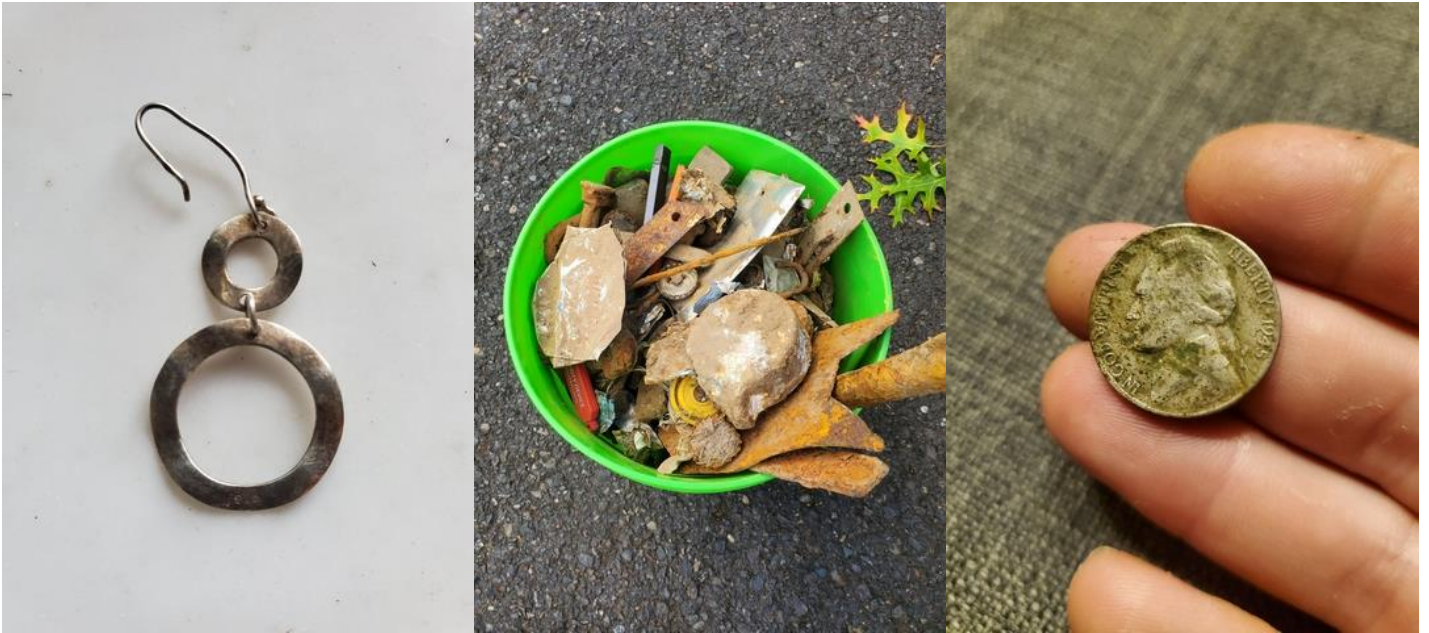
No Comments



Because my photo post exploded on Twitter with nearly 10,000 impressions and engagement from about 2,500 people at the time of writing, here's the story of our trip to the last remaining Aladdin's Castle in Quincy, Illinois.

Submitted by Matt N

Some pictures from some of my recent hunts.



**Submitted by Willy A**

Bill B and I hunted an old park, which has been hunted by many people before. I found the 50 cent piece and Bill found the toy gun.



Submitted by Harold V



Left Picture: Crap! Winter is coming and my coil is heavy with frost.

Right picture: Grid much? One advantage to the frost is I can see where I have hunted.





Left Picture: Does that count as treasure?

Right Picture: It looked and felt like a gold ring, but it isn't



Elk at the beach.



Submitted by Ron B



Left Picture: My lucky day. All the sprinklers were marked.

Right Picture: First Scoop 27 zinc penny coin spill.

# Oregon Treasure Trail Society History

The Oregon Treasure Trail Society (O.T.T.S.) was formed in 1982. It was started by five avid hobbyists who each put \$5 into the kitty and declared themselves an official club. They set out to provide an organization that would unite people together with the same interest in metal detecting, whether it be coin and token hunting, relics hunting, or simply a passion for finding interesting treasures of the past.

## O.T.T.S. Club Meeting Location

Come and see us in person by attending one of our meetings. Club meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month. Social hour begins at 6:00 p.m., and the official meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome. Meetings are held at the Eagles Lodge located at:

7611 N. Exeter Avenue, Portland, OR 97203

Web Link to O.T.T.S. Location:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Fraternal+Order+of+Eagles/@45.5839492,-122.7260428,17.16z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x5495a7eefbf6831:0x80dc15723d738faa!8m2!3d45.5835352!4d-122.7249067?hl=en>



# Club Code of Ethics

- I will respect Private property and will not trespass without the land owner’s permission.
- I will not destroy property, buildings or what is left of ghost towns and deserted structures.
- I will not litter, always pack out what I take in and remove all trash dug in my search.
- I will leave all gates and other accesses to land as found.
- I will appreciate and protect our heritage of national resources, wildlife, and private property.
- I will use thoughtfulness, consideration and courtesy at all times.
- I will abide by all laws ordinances or regulations that may govern my search, or the area I will be in.
- I will fill all holes, regardless how remote the location, and never dig in a way that will damage, be damaging to, or kill any vegetation.
- I will report the discovery of items of significant historical value to a local historian or museum in accordance with the latest legislation.
- I will be an ambassador for the metal detecting hobby. I will be polite and informative to those who inquire about my hobby. I will be an ambassador of my pastime.
- I will not misrepresent as to how and when an article was acquired.

# Club Officers and Extracurricular Positions

## Board Members

President: Ron B

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Vice President: Ashley W

Secretary: Laura A

Treasurer (temporary): Mike M

At large: Rick P

At large: Byron D

## Other Club Contacts

Club Hunts: Terry B

Forms Support: Sue F

Raffles: Jeff S

Challenge Token: Scott J

## Newsletter/Website Editors

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Website: Jerry H

Newsletter: Harold V

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Sherrie B

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